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I BRAKE FOR PEOPLE

Whether we're traveling on four wheels or 16; two feet or two wheels; we all have something in common--we are on this road together.

"In our efforts to make Indianapolis one of the most livable cities, we have also made it one of the top bicycle friendly cities," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "Within the next 12 years, we will have created over 200 miles of bike lanes throughout the city. This increase in connectivity means more people are out on foot and on bicycle and with the warmer weather, this increase means we need to be more aware of our surroundings in order to protect their safety."

Indianapolis residents are naturally inclined to ride bikes and/or walk as a means of transportation. So, as the air gets warmer and the days get longer, the City would like to remind you of the rules of the road whether you're walking, bicycling, motorcycling – or driving around pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles or large trucks.

Tips for Bicyclists

- Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
- Wearing a bicycle helmet is strongly recommended.
- Ride a bicycle on the right side of the road in the same direction as other traffic.
- Use hand signals to communicate your actions to motor vehicles.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalk.
- Be predictable - ride in a straight line, make eye contact with motorists and use hand signals.
- Anticipate conflicts by being extra alert at all times.
- At night, a bicycle must have a white light visible from the front and a red reflector or light visible from the rear; wear reflective clothing when possible.

Tips for Pedestrians

- Look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.
- Cross at crosswalks or intersections.
- Be sure to see and be seen. Avoid dark clothing, wear bright colors and use reflective devices such as vests and blinking lights.
- Make eye contact with drivers when crossing the street.
- Stay alert and be on the lookout for cars traveling above the speed limit.

Tips for Motorists

- Share the road with bicyclists.
- Remember: Bicyclists have the same rights, rules and responsibilities as all other road users.
- Pass a bicyclist only when it is safe giving ample room (3' minimum) and when there is no danger from oncoming traffic.
- Look for bicyclists. You must develop your eye-scanning patterns to include cyclists.
- Before opening the door of your parked car, checking behind for cyclists.
- Do not drive in or double-park in bike lanes.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly.

For more information on bicycle and pedestrian safety, please visit www.sustainindy.org.

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